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p53as PROTEIN AND

ANTIBODY THEREFOR

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**AMENDMENT** 

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of August 19, 1997, please amend as follows 7 199A

## In the Claims

Please amend Claim 11 as follows:

## Claim 11 (amended)

A purified peptide designated p53as peptide which peptide is present in p53as protein of a mammal and is identical to the unique carboxyl terminal region of p53as which distinguishes p53as protein from p53 protein, said peptide containing a unique epitope which is not present in p53.

## Remarks

The Examiner has rejected Claim 11 on the ground that there is no support for species of p53 (sic p53as) other than those represented by sequence I.D. Nos. 1 and 2.

The Applicant respectfully disagrees.